

# **EXHIBIT A**

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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LESLYE KNOX, individually, as personal :  
representative of the Estate of Aharon :  
Ellis and as natural guardian of :  
plaintiffs Jordan Terrell Ellis, Reuven :  
Carter, Shanon Carter, Shayrah Carter, :  
Yoshavyah Carter and Amitai Carter, :  
JORDAN TERRELL ELLIS, minor, REUVEN :  
CARTER, minor, SHANON CARTER, minor, :  
SHAYRAH CARTER, minor, AMITAI CARTER, :  
minor, by their next friend and guardian: :  
Leslye Knox, PRINCE SHALEAK, MELLONEE :  
ELLIS, FRANCINE ELLIS, LYNNE ELLIS, :  
YIHONADAV ELLIS, TSAPHRIRAH ELLIS and :  
ARON CARTER, :

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Plaintiffs, :

ORDER

- against - :

THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, :  
THE PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY (aka "The :  
Palestinian Interim Self-Government :  
Authority" and/or "The Palestinian :  
Council" and/or "The Palestinian :  
National Authority"), YASSER ARAFAT, :  
MARWAN BARGHOUTI, NASSER AWIS, ZIAD :  
MUHAMMAD DAAS, ESTATE OF ABDEL SALAM :  
SADEK HASSUNA, deceased and JOHN DOES :  
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Defendants. :

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VICTOR MARRERO, United States District Judge.

I. BACKGROUND

This action was brought under the Antiterrorism Act of 1991, 18 U.S.C. §§ 2331-2339D, by the representatives and heirs of Aharon Ellis, an American citizen who was murdered in a terrorist shooting in Hadera, Israel, on January 17, 2002.

Plaintiffs ("Plaintiffs") contend that the terrorist attack was planned and carried out by defendants Palestine Liberation Organization and Palestine Authority (collectively, "Defendants"). This Court issued a default judgment dated July 11, 2006 (the "Default Judgment") in favor of Plaintiffs, after Defendants failed to answer the Plaintiffs' complaint and to acknowledge the jurisdiction of this Court.

Currently before this Court is Defendants' Motion for Relief from Judgment, dated July 31, 2007, seeking to vacate the Default Judgment. Defendants allege that "[a]n allegation of terrorist activities against [Defendants], with whom the United States has diplomatic relations and views as critical participants in the on-going peace process in the Middle East," will have significant foreign policy consequences. (See Defendants' Reply to Plaintiffs' Memorandum in Opposition, dated November 15, 2007). Accordingly, the Court seeks an expression from the United States of America as to whether it contemplates issuing any suggestion of interest in the resolution of this case or in any of the other similar cases pending in other Districts.

## II. ORDER

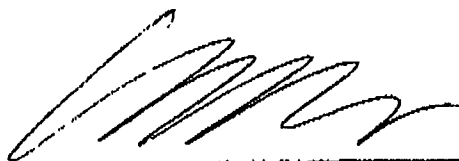
For the reasons discussed above, it is hereby

ORDERED that the United States of America (the "Government") is directed to inform this Court within forty-five days of the

date of this Order whether the Government contemplates issuing a suggestion of interest in the resolution of this case, or in any of the other cases pending in other Districts against the defendants in this action raising similar issues as to the appropriateness of reopening default judgments entered against the defendants.

**SO ORDERED.**

Dated: NEW YORK, NEW YORK  
11 December 2007

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'VM', is written over a horizontal line.

Victor Marrero  
U.S.D.J.